



WESTERN RECORDER

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The First Baptist Church, Lexington, where the State Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting will be held, April 2-4, 1963. David A. Friedley, Jr., is the host pastor.



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Martha Jayne Speigel Is Born

Martha Jayne, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Spiegel, missionaries to Equatorial Brazil, was born February 5. Mr. and Mrs. Spiegel are at Caixa Postal 102, Teresina, Piaui, Brazil. Mr. Spiegel is a native of St. Louis, Mo.; and his wife is the former Betty Wooton, of West Manchester, Ohio.

Carver Doesn't Need \$40,000

Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, won't need any more Cooperative Program funds to finish out this, its last year as a Southern Baptist Convention agency. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president, announced this to the SBC Executive Committee at its winter meeting. The school being merged into the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, had been provided \$40,000 through the Cooperative Program. The full \$40,000 won't be needed, Brooks told the committee. The unused amount will be transferred into the convention operating budget. Brooks said all but two professors at the school have been placed in positions elsewhere for the year after Carver ends its separate existence. (BP)

Property Values Increase Steadily

Church property evaluation among Southern Baptist churches shows a steady upward trend, increasing \$182,000,000, or 7.7 per cent last year, giving us an over-all figure now of \$2,567,836,860.

Burgin Calls Otto Spangler

The Burgin Baptist Church has extended a call to Otto M. Spangler, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Route one, Frankfort. The new pastor began his responsibilities at Burgin on February 24. The Bethel Church had 60 additions during the pastorate of Spangler. A new constitution, the rotation system of deacons, the unified budget, sanctuary redecoration and educational space improvements were other improvements at Bethel during the ministry of Spangler.

Death of Mrs. Docia Brown

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has passed a resolution for Mrs. Docia Brown who recently passed away.

Upton Given \$1,000 for Library

J. L. Drane, Upton, has contributed \$1,000 to the Upton Baptist Church for the establishment of a library at the church, according to a letter received by Wayne E. Todd, secretary, church library department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville. The gift is in memory of his wife, Mrs. Frances Deith Drane, long time Sunday school teacher. Drane was former president of the Upton Branch of the First Hardin National Bank, and is now retired. This will be the only library at this time in this town of 500 population. The nearest library to Upton is the one at Elizabethtown, from which a bookmobile emanates to Upton and other places every other week. Douglas E. Bennett is pastor at the Upton Baptist Church.

Elkhorn Citian to Bell County

James R. Pinkley, Jr., assumed his duties as superintendent of missions for Bell County Baptist Association, Middlesboro, Kentucky, on February 1. Pinkley was formerly pastor of Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

Father of Jack N. Willett Dies

Harry E. Willett, 70, father of Seminary Student Jack N. Willett, died at the Robinson Home of Care, Floyd and Kentucky, Louisville, February 24. His funeral was conducted by Pastor John R. Claypool at the Arch L. Heady Funeral Home, Louisville, on February 27. Burial was in Resthaven. In addition to Jack N. Willett, the son already mentioned, he is also survived by another son, Gene E. Willett, and a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Wolford; and two grandchildren. Jack N. Willett was until recently pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church in Nelson Association.

Father of Missionary Dies in Canada

W. R. Cockburn died in Toronto, Canada, on February 25. He was the father of Dr. S. Herbert Cockburn, Southern Baptist Missionary to Argentina, who is now in the States on furlough, and for the present is at 1816 Faculty Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Evangelists to be Included

Any Southern Baptist preacher who is serving as an evangelist and is not listed by any denominational agency or church will be entitled to have his name listed as an evangelist in the 1963 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention if he will send his name, street or rural route number, and city or town and state, to Martin B. Bradley, secretary of research and statistics, Sunday School Board, Nashville, for inclusion.

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THE CURSE OF COMPLACENCY

By Jack Jones, Mayfield, Ky.

Words, sometimes, have a way of acquiring a more comprehensive meaning than they really possess. For example, "interest" does not always mean "conviction," "activity" does not necessarily mean "progress," "additions" are not always indicative of "growth" and "contentment" is not always synonymous with "well-being."

It is to be feared that many of us have become "content" in the wrong way. We are content with what we are doing for our Lord. We have, in fact, allowed our contentment to degenerate into a tragic complacency.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word "complacent" as "self-satisfied," "smug." Complacency never makes the headlines. It is seldom considered a dangerous threat. And yet, it has become one of the worst enemies of Christianity in our day. The sin of complacency makes its way, unnoticed and unheralded into every Christian's heart at one time or another. It is doubtful if the Devil has a keener weapon in all his arsenal than the deceptive sword of self-satisfaction.

The certainty of complacency is evident in many of our churches. It is seen in the lack of real interest and personal devotion among the members. For example, the average Baptist attends only the Sunday morning service. Our Sunday evening services are, for the most part, poorly attended. T.V. has taken precedence over T.U. And, as for the mid-week prayer service, which in most cases has already dwindled to a handful of the faithful few, the prospects seem dim indeed. It isn't that we are against evening services—it's just that we are satisfied with attending the morning service only.

Another evidence of the self-satisfaction in our midst is seen in our lack of zeal for missions. It is generally agreed that the Cooperative Program is the greatest and best aid to missions which Southern Baptists ever had. Why then do we have to be urged and entreated constantly to support this worthy program and thereby carry out the Great Commission? Too many churches are ready, willing, and apparently eager to cut their gifts to the Cooperative Program on the slightest pretense. It is not animosity toward the Cooperative Program but a decreasing interest in missions which accounts for this situation. Many of us are simply satisfied with the extent of the mission work we already have.

The cause of this wide-spread complacency? Of course, it would be im-

possible to list all the contributing factors, but perhaps the leading cause of complacency could be summed up in one word—"materialism." Multitudes of God's children are devoting all their time and energies to the accumulation of an estate here on earth. Materialism is not to be confused with what we commonly call "worldly pleasures." A person may be very moral and upright in character and still be so engrossed with the tangible things of life that he loses interest in the things of the Spirit. Material things are not evil in themselves, they only become so when we allow them to crowd Christ out of our lives. It is not money but the love of money which is evil. Paul's words in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affections on things above, not on the things of the earth," seem especially appropriate to Christians today.

The consequences of complacency are always tragic. We often see signs which say, "No Parking Allowed" but in the Christian race it is "No Parking Possible." When our self-satisfaction halts our spiritual progress, we do not, indeed we cannot, stand still—we always go backward.

When ten of the twelve spies brought back an unfavorable report, and the children of Israel decided not to enter the land of promise, they had no intention of remaining on the border line. Rather, their immediate cry was "back to Egypt!" When they ceased to go forward, their first thought was that of retreat. It is always thus in the lives of God's children. When there is no challenge in our future, there is no joy in our present and we seek satisfaction in the past by talking of "the good old days."

Another rather alarming aspect of complacency is its contagiousness. Because we tend to judge our spiritual progress by that of our neighbor, it becomes quite easy to reach a state of perfect satisfaction. If our neighboring church has only a few baptisms each year, we do not feel so bad about not reaching the lost in our own community. We rationalize by saying, "After all, we are doing about as well as anyone else."

Fortunately there is a cure for complacency. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Surely a self-satisfaction which causes us to neglect our Lord's work and takes away the joy of our salvation, is a sin to be speedily repented of and forsaken.

We are proud to be Baptists. We are proud of our growth and our accomplish-

ments. But, let us not, in our rejoicing over the success of the past, forget the glorious possibilities of service in the present. Let us search our hearts daily lest self-satisfaction blind our eyes to the fields which are white already to harvest.

Our Task

By C. B. Jackson, Dallas, Texas.

Many articles, by learned men, are being written concerning making the Bible relevant to the people in the new space and atomic energy age. It appears that these writers infer that there is something very mysterious about the people of this age.

The only apparent mystery is that the people of this age quickly accept the material facts of the age but they discard the moral and spiritual facts which have been established through long years of personal, social and national experiences. In so far as the people of this period have revealed themselves they are no different from the people of all other ages. They have the same inclinations, desires, ambitions and problems. The catapulting in of the new age has not changed the people. They have the same temptations, tragedies and sins. The only difference is that they are more numerous and rapid, but they have the same results: heartache, death and hell. These call for the same remedy which they have called for in every age. The call is more insistent for a salvation which will save the people from the ruin of sin in this age.

Christ was, is and shall be able to meet the need of every age. Therefore He can meet the need of the space and atomic energy age. He came to reveal God as the only One who is able to meet the need for redemption. He came to defeat Satan and his angels. When He returned victorious from the tomb, He revealed His power to put Satan to rout. In his death Jesus paid the price for man's redemption and salvation. His blood is effective for the space and atomic energy age. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower redeemed man. This is the power back of the space age. This is the power which created atomic energy. The power of the Holy Spirit enables redeemed men to resist the temptations of the age. He also provides power for transforming one's life until it becomes more like the Master. Atomic energy cannot provide this power; it is too weak. Only the *dunamis* [power] of God can transform a life. With this power redeemed people are enabled to witness to others in the

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A Theme for Kansas City

Here's a nomination for a theme for the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City. It is *sweet reasonableness*, a term made meaningful by Dr. Syd Stealey in his teaching days at Southern Seminary. By sweet reasonableness is meant that happy medium between two dangerous extremes.

The Southern Baptist Convention is threatened by two such extremes at this time. Unfortunately these extremes are not even the intentions of those identified with them. They are branded as fundamentalism and liberalism, but neither is correct. We have very few fundamentalists or liberals in the true sense among Southern Baptists. We are predominantly conservative in theology as Southern Baptists.

The trouble is that those holding the more conservative position tend to brand those who are less conservative as liberals and the less conservative are prone to consider their more conservative brethren as fundamentalists. Such name calling is easy to lapse into but is highly unfair and dangerously divisive.

A healthy tension between the more conservative and less conservative elements among Southern Baptists has existed through the years. These have kept Southern Baptists in the middle of the road without falling into the errors of liberalism with fatal consequences or lapsed into a blind dogmatism or anti-intellectualism.

From time to time this tension has erupted into conflict with open charges and discipline. This is almost a natural consequence. Most often seminary teachers have been involved, as would be expected, since classrooms are for investigation and questions as well as indoctrination.

The latest episode involving the dismissal of Midwestern Seminary Professor Ralph Elliott has shaken Southern Baptists deeply. His book, containing progressive views of the book of Genesis, provided ammunition. Another factor was the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in St. Louis in 1961 which had several addresses that disturbed the more conservative brethren. The 1962 Pastors' Conference in San Francisco went all the way in the other direction and became a cheering section for Ralph Elliott's hanging. The convention itself practically sealed Elliott's doom.

With Elliott's dismissal, a wave of protests has risen from individuals and groups in the name of freedom. Among those protesting are some Baptist college teachers and some of the less conservative pastors of the convention. Also, fellow professors at Midwestern and other seminaries are on Elliott's side though they have been kept under wraps for the most part by seminary administrations.

The big question now is what will happen at Kansas City. Will those who succeeded last year in getting Elliott continue their crusade against seminary teachers? On the other hand, will those feeling Elliott has been mistreated and Baptist freedom threatened try to press their point on the convention floor? Will, as rumored in some circles, there be an effort to reward some champion of orthodoxy by making him convention president?

Any such efforts at Kansas City would seem to be out of place. In the midst of World Missions Year and on the eve of celebrating 150 years of organized Baptist work in North America, it behooves Southern Baptists to forget blood letting and allow wounds to heal. Orthodoxy nor freedom is in grave danger among Southern Baptists. A vehement fight for either at Kansas City would come nearer destroying it than preserving it. Revenge or redress for any wrongs can better be had by leaving it to the Lord.

Above all, let's not use the office of convention president in such an unworthy manner. To elect one because he is considered ultra-conservative or progressive in theology would be a mockery of the Holy Spirit Whom we claim to be our Guide. Why not leave it to the Lord to give Southern Baptists a humble man of God for spiritual leadership at this time without expecting him to be a theological arbiter or denominational troubleshooter?

In Kansas City let sweet reasonableness prevail. The great majority of Southern Baptists who want to get on with our task of world evangelism and moral example should be prepared to head off all needless divisiveness no matter how sincere.

A Need is Realized

A long time need for Southern Baptists has been met in the erection in Nashville of a building to house the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, its staff members and several other Southern Baptist Convention agencies and commissions. When the convention brought into existence the Executive Committee in 1927, it asked the Sunday School Board in Nashville to provide office space for its permanent staff. This temporary arrangement has lasted these 36 years, and in the meantime the needs of the Executive Committee for space have grown as has the number of SBC commissions to be housed in Nashville.

The hospitality of the Sunday School Board has been magnificent and the arrangement, though not ideal, has worked wonderfully well. This is to the credit of the leadership of the Sunday School Board and the Executive Committee.

The new building at 460 James Robertson Parkway is ideally and conveniently located in downtown

Nashville. It is part of Nashville's model downtown redevelopment. The Tennessee governor and the mayor of Nashville participated in the dedication services and expressed appreciation for Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in the city.

The octagonally shaped building is unique in architecture. Not lavish, though quite commodious and adequate, it is in keeping with Baptist taste and need. It does not present a luxury appearance and actually costs less than several recently constructed local churches.

The cost of the whole project including land, building and furnishings is a little over one million dollars. The money did not come from Cooperative Program receipts but was provided by the Sunday

School Board which itself does not receive Cooperative Program funds. The income of the Sunday School Board is from profits on books and materials merchandized through Baptist Book Stores and sold to local Baptist churches.

The new building was dedicated in most appropriate services on February 20. Convention President H. H. Hobbs delivered a dedicatory message that could hardly have been more fitting. Somehow it ought to be possible for every Southern Baptist to see and visit their new Southern Baptist Convention Building. They would find the proper balance between economy and luxury in a day when Baptists don't find it easy to decide how much to spend on themselves and how much to send on to try to lead the rest of the world to Jesus Christ.

BAPTIST FORUM



Pioneer for Brotherhood

Dear Editor:

Your editorial of February 21, 1963, on "Will Baptists Be Last?" prompts me to write this letter.

My late husband, who for almost fifteen years was pastor of the West Side Church in Louisville, believed in doing something concrete for brotherhood instead of merely talking about brotherhood. For at least twelve of the fifteen years, he exchanged pulpits and choirs with a Negro pastor of this city each year during Brotherhood Week. All of this took place before there was such a thing as integration in our schools.

When my husband passed away, the children and I asked Dr. King of Zion Baptist to be a pallbearer. Dr. King was the last one with whom he exchanged pulpits. The children suggested it because they felt it would be in keeping with their father's wishes.

When we ask ourselves what Jesus would do, we would have to say He would do no less.

Mrs. Gordon Craig Whiteley, Sr.
Louisville, Ky.

It's Always Been So

Dear Editor:

I recently re-read the minutes from 1812 through 1832 of our churches in Northern Kentucky. They were preserved, as printed, by an individual who was interested in keeping accurate records.

At the Annual Associational Meeting in 1814, a letter from Luther Rice was read. A missionary message was enclosed in the letter. They agreed to

present it to the next Associational Meeting. Because of the results of the War of 1812, or for some unknown reason, they did not meet in 1815. There were no minutes printed for that year. In 1816, they received \$78.37½ for Foreign Missions. According to the entry, they voted to put it out for interest for a year. When they sent the money for missions is not known.

The interesting item was that in 1816 the 17 churches baptized 23 people. In 1817, these same churches baptized 117 people. Their concern for missions beyond their borders produced a concern for the lost at home.

It is reasonable to believe that if we give our best to missions beyond our church field, we will reach, win, and baptize more lost people on our church field.

Cold Spring, Ky.

Jim Coldiron

Life Commitment To Be Emphasized

NASHVILLE—Life Commitment Sunday, March 24, will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches, according to Lloyd Householder, director of vocational guidance, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"This is a special day when churches emphasize the importance of challenging young people to consider the possibility of dedicating their lives to a church-related vocation," Householder said.

"Churches should use this opportunity to take stock of the number of young people they have sent into a church-related vocation within the past few

years. Parents, Sunday school teachers, Training Union leaders and other church workers should re-evaluate their responsibilities in helping young people find God's will for their lives."

This is the third year that Life Commitment Sunday has been sponsored as a part of the vocational guidance program assigned to the Sunday School Board by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The program seeks to aid churches in exploring opportunities in church-related vocations and in adding the Christian dimension to all areas of vocational choice, Householder explained.

Basic plans for the day are given in a youth week pamphlet, available from state Training Union offices, and in an article "After Youth Week, Life Commitment Sunday" in the March issue of "The Baptist Program."

Materials about Life Commitment Sunday will not be supplied to pastors and other church leaders by direct mail. Rather, suggestions and resource materials are listed in various state and Convention-wide publications. The March issue of "The Baptist Program" lists all publications carrying articles on vocational guidance.

Chaplain Tipton Commended

A letter of appreciation from Headquarters of the 538th Engineer Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for the services of **Chaplain Charles L. Tipton** describes the meritorious services of Captain Tipton. The letter was sent by **Major Edward S. Risheberger** to the commanding general of the Armor Center at Fort Knox. Tipton was commended not only for performing the numerous duties required of a chaplain but for providing a Christmas party for a large group of under-privileged children. Tipton is well known among Kentucky Baptists and formerly served as superintendent of missions of Bell County Association and Severns Valley Association.

SUPREME COURT HEARS BIBLE READING CASES

WASHINGTON (BP) — Two cases about required Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools were argued before the United States Supreme Court. A Federal Court in Pennsylvania said that the practice is unconstitutional, while the Court of Appeals in Maryland said it does not violate the State or the Federal Constitution.

In the Maryland Case (Murray v. Curlett) the problem revolved around a Baltimore school board regulation requiring the reading of a chapter from the Bible and/or recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each school day.

In the Pennsylvania case (Abington Township v. Schempp) the problem dealt with a state law requiring a reading of 10 verses from the Holy Bible without comment at the beginning of each school day. Although the law does not require it, the Lord's Prayer is usually recited following the Bible reading.

In both cases there is provision for objectors to be excused.

Francis B. Burch, attorney for the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners, and Phillip Ward, attorney for the Abington Township School Board, defended the practice on the ground that it is not a religious exercise but that it is instruction in morality.

Attorney Leonard J. Kerpleman, representing Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray and her son, William, of Baltimore, argued that the point of objection was governmentally conducted religious exercise in the public schools. He said that there was no objection to the reading of the Bible in public schools in English classes, in courses about religion, in comparative religion studies, or in music and history.

Henry W. Sawyer, attorney for Edward Lewis Schempp, et al, of Pennsylvania, argued that the morality and the religion of the Bible could not be separated. He further contended that it was for the specific religious purpose that the people of Pennsylvania and the state legislature required the Bible reading in public schools.

Hitting hard at the argument for required Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer exclusively for moral and ethical instruction purposes, Sawyer pointed out that this has been the only reason for an established church by government anywhere. The purpose of government in requiring religion, he said, is the belief that religion is good for the state, hence the provisions for an establishment of religion.

Throughout the argument the Supreme Court justices asked questions and expressed opinions. Mr. Justice Stewart,

who was the lone dissenter in the New York Regents' Prayer Case, repeatedly attempted to develop the idea that objections by a minority was a restriction of the religious freedom of the majority.

Mr. Justice Black pointed out that the "free exercise of religion" does not mean that people can disrupt public functions anytime they want to pray. For instance, he said, the session here in the court is a public function. "Should we disrupt our proceedings if someone should come in and want to start praying?"

Chief Justice Earl Warren brought up the situation in Hawaii, where a majority of students in some schools are Buddhists. "Do you say that in schools of that kind, it would be proper to have a Buddhist ceremony and have all Christian children participate in it or have their parents request that they be excused?" he asked.

Exploring the argument that Bible reading and prayers are solely moral and ethical exercises and not for religion, Mr. Justice Brennan asked why students were excused from participation. Teaching morality may be more important than teaching arithmetic, he said. "Why don't you excuse pupils from the teaching of arithmetic?" he asked.

The Pennsylvania and Maryland Bible Reading and Lord's Prayer Cases will now be weighed by the supreme court and their decision will be announced sometime before adjournment at the end of June.

1964 Budget Proposal Set At \$19,248,500

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's proposed 1964 budget through the Cooperative Program is \$19,248,500.

The SBC Executive Executive Committee voted here to recommend that figure to the 1963 convention session in Kansas City, Mo., beginning May 7.

The budget is under the 1963 sum of \$19,792,500. Adjustment was made to assure full payment of 1962 and 1963 capital needs allocated SBC agencies.

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The 1964 goal of \$20,149,217 would provide extra funds for the two mission boards, if reached, Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, said.

The Convention failed to collect its full operating and capital needs in 1961 and 1962. The 1961 capital needs have been met now, but part of the 1962 capital funds still are due the agencies. These have priority over 1963 capital disbursements.

Of the operating budget for 1964, more than half—\$7,550,000—will go to the Foreign Mission Board. The six seminaries operated by the convention will share \$3,250,000. The Home Mission Board will get \$2,150,000.

The Foreign Mission Board will get \$1,725,000 of the \$3,372,000 in the capital needs section. Another \$1,250,000 is allowed to complete payment of 1963 capital needs which might be carried over.

The Stewardship Commission is a newcomer to the ranks of the agencies getting direct Cooperative Program allocations. It is to receive \$65,000. Only the Sunday School Board of the convention's agencies operates without Cooperative Program income.

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Glenn Yarbrough (left), director of religious activities, Georgetown; Howard Bramlette (center), associate in the Baptist Student Union department, Nashville, Tennessee; and J. Chester Durham, Kentucky state student secretary, met at Georgetown College to discuss a reaction survey concerning the B.S.U. program. Of 400 schools having B.S.U. groups, Georgetown was among 12 chosen for the surveys. Both students and leaders will be asked for their reactions concerning the present program and for proposed suggestions.

Jehovah's Witnesses Appeal Liberty Case

WASHINGTON (BP) — The United States Supreme Court has been asked to rule whether it invades the religious liberty of school students to be required to stand up for the singing of the National Anthem.

Attorneys for a group of Jehovah's Witnesses in Arizona have told the court that the Star-Spangled Banner contains references to God which are set in a context with which they disagree. They argue that the reasoning which the court applied to the Regents' Prayer in the Public Schools of New York should be applied also to use of the National Anthem.

A group of children have been expelled from Pinetop, Arizona, Elementary School because they insisted on remaining seated while their classmates rose during the morning exercises. A suit was brought in Federal Court in Phoenix, Arizona, to compel the School Board to re-admit the children, but it was thrown out of court when Arizona moved for dismissal on the ground it was merely a disciplinary matter of students conforming to classroom rules. The Arizona attorney general said they were not required to join in singing the

anthem, but merely to stand while their classmates did.

The U. S. Supreme Court has at least three alternatives in dealing with the plea. It can grant the Witnesses a hearing, can order the lower federal courts to do so, or can agree with the U. S. Court of Appeals that the constitutional issue is "of no consequence" and that it is merely a public school disciplinary problem.

OUR TASK

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space and atomic energy age concerning what Christ has done for them.

Our colleges and seminaries will lead their students into all the intellectual facts (not theories, questions, guesses, doubts) which time will permit. Only as they are able to lead their students to become equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit will they be able to meet the needs of the people of this age. A big business executive said to his preacher brother, "When you go to the pulpit give the people the unadulterated gospel. Perhaps we business men read about as much, or more, of the theories and philosophies of the world as do the ministers. We know about as much as the preachers concerning these things. We go to church to meet God, to be cleansed and to receive strength to live."

The people of the space and atomic energy age are not asking the ministers to tell them of all the cults, doubts, hypotheses and philosophies of the age. They are looking into the faces of their ministers and saying: "Is there any word from God? We would see Jesus."

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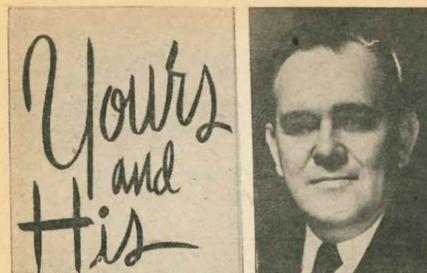
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No Place Like Home!

Daughter Susan pushed my wheel chair down the long corridors of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, and son Harold helped me slide into the front seat of our car piloted by Mrs. Sanders. Yes, Saturday morning, March 2, I came to my own bed. Truly, there's no place like home—that is, after the Lord, the doctors and hospital staff have made you able to go home!

The Lord's Day, March 3, I walked to the table and had noon dinner with my family! Wife June, queen of my home, takes the place of many wonderful women who served me at the hospital. The old back is improving. By the time you read this, I should be well on my way to mobility.

In addition to its fine employees, our hospital has an army of volunteers who add so much to its Christian service.

The Hospital Auxiliary is composed of 665 members, all but 25 of whom are women. Its president is Mrs. S. Coates Wayne, Sr., a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church. They wear attractive uniforms—rose pinafore and white blouse. They operate a shopping cart, magazine cart, information desk, surgical records, therapy, and escort service (I'm going to write a full story soon). Organized in 1958, the first president was Mrs. Frank W. (Jet) Owens, Jr., Walnut Street Church.

The Candy Strippers, composed of 62 young ladies 15-16, are under the direction of the Hospital Auxiliary. Their uniforms suggest stick candy—white pinafores with red stripes. Judy Fiedler brought my last mail.

Chaplain B. B. Hilburn notifies pastors when their members enter the hospital. These faithful men strengthen the children of God and point others to the Great Physician who "taketh away the sins of the world".

During my last days in the hospital I became acquainted with others on the staff—Mrs. Mary Mason, supervisor of nurses, Audubon Church; Carl Wether-ton (23rd and Broadway Church), assistant administrator; Alva Hardin, instructor in the School of Nursing and daughter Margaret's Sunday School teacher at Crescent Hill; Margaret Woody (Vine Street Church) from the office, who brought your get-well cards; Mrs. Mack Williams, aide, from Poplar

Bluff, Mo., whose husband is a General Baptist in our Seminary here; Woodward E. Hatton, Bath County (a Mormon) electrotherapist; Nurse Norma Cushenberry; Mrs. May Sissell, aide (Clifton); Roger Blanton, orderly, a Baptist from Harlan; student nurses Victoria Ann Wellman, London; Carline Kabler (Wes-side); and Penny Rice who was with me in recovery, too; aide Shirley Davis, Brownsville.

I've got to pay tribute to the head dietitian, Hazel Yankey (Highland), to Margaret Homan (fourth floor, a Georgetown graduate from Springfield), and to Mary Ann Powell and Gaye Townsend of second floor (Deer Park Church). The food was attractively served, and delightfully tasty! To top it all, each Sunday morning they "served" us a fresh issue of the *Western Recorder*!

Needless to say, I am grateful to the Lord who has restored my strength for continued service with you all.

Harold G. Sanders



J. J. Owens



Eric C. Rust

Two Professors Honored With Foreign Study

Two Southern Baptist Seminary professors have received grants from the American Association of Theological Schools for a year's study abroad beginning this summer.

Dr. Eric C. Rust will receive \$4,000 for research on a book on science and religion at the Universities of London and Cambridge in England. He will also spend some time at the University of California at Los Angeles and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

Dr. J. J. Owens will study on a \$3,000 grant at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, and at the Universities of Basel, Zurich and Heidelberg. His research will be in Old Testament linguistics.

Rust, a native Englishman, has degrees from Regents Park College and St. Catherine's Oxford University in England, and the University of Richmond in this country. Owens has Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary and has been on the Seminary faculty since 1942.

1963 Convention Bumper Stickers Now Available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—For the second year, two-color bumper stickers are available free to those driving to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Religious News In Review

Among Kentucky Baptists

►Bethel College, Hopkinsville, has just experienced a profitable religious emphasis week. Special visitors for this annual emphasis were **Dr. Franklin Owen**, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and James Bergman, Middletown, associate secretary, Baptist Student Union.

►**Dr. Williams S. Garmon**, associate professor of ethics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has recently visited Kentucky in seminary enlistment efforts. Among the schools visited were state colleges at Richmond and Murray, Cumberland College, Campbellsville College and Union College.

►**Miss Blanche Mays**, Louisville, manager of the Baptist Book Store, is among the managers of 47 other Baptist Book Stores who attended an annual planning and training conference in Nashville March 3-8.

►**Miss Vivian Sisk**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sisk, Trenton, Kentucky, has been crowned Bethel College Sweetheart of 1963. Miss Sisk graduated from Guthrie High School in 1962.

►**W. D. Lee**, father of Mrs. Melvin E. Torstrick, Southern Baptist Missionary to Chile, died February 19 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Torstrick, the former Shirley Lee, of Louisville, may be addressed at Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile.

►**Clyde Freed, Jr.**, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, has resigned as pastor of the South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. Freed served the Knoxville pastorate for three years.

►The second Annual Workshop on Alcoholism for community ministers is planned by Western State Hospital, Hopkinsville, for March 25 and 26. Registration will be in the hospital chapel at 9:30 A.M., on March 25; and further information can be obtained by addressing **Chaplain Ray N. Cooley**, Western State Hospital, Hopkinsville.

►A spring revival during the week of March 24-31, is planned for the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Evangelist will be **Bob Mowery** and visiting musician will be **Bill Williams**.

►Providence Baptist Church, Simpson Association, has called **Richard Lankford** as pastor. Lankford, a native of Springfield, Tennessee, began his work the first of March.

►**Dr. Ralph Curry**, professor of English, Georgetown College, has been elected most popular professor by the Georgetown College student body. Chosen as Miss and Mr. Georgetownian were **Tina Grogan**, Grand Rivers, and **Kyle Hubbard**, Louisville. Kyle is the son of **Dr. Carrol Hubbard**, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church and **Mrs. Hubbard**. He

is the second Hubbard to be elected to the same honor within a student generation. **Carrol, Jr.**, another son, now practicing law in Mayfield, was elected Mr. Georgetownian in 1959.

Baptists Elsewhere

►Baptists in two state conventions have reached the minimum of 25,000 membership in order to qualify for representation on the boards of Southern Baptist Convention agencies. The two are the **Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington** and the **Colorado Baptist General Convention**.

►**Two Ghanians**, attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, have been voted into membership of the **Wake Forest Baptist Church**. The standing vote, while not unanimous, was by a substantial majority.

►**The Canadian Southern Baptist Conference** has been organized in Kamloops, British Columbia, to implement "the business relevant to our Canadian work, and to serve as a forerunner to an eventual Canadian Convention." The conference concurred in the recent withdrawal of an attempt to seat messengers from Canadian churches at the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention but said they believed their wishes to be seated by the Southern Baptist Convention will finally win.

►**Dr. Paul Popenoe**, well known family relations expert from Los Angeles, recommended classes for prospective mothers-in-law just as premarital counseling sessions are held for couples. The recommendation came at the first Southern Baptist Conference on Marriage and the Family held recently in Nashville.

►The **Seminary Extension Department** of Southern Baptist Seminaries, now located in Jackson, Mississippi, will be moved to Nashville, Tennessee, at an early date. **Dr. Ralph A. Herring**, director of the department, says the department will be located on the third floor of the recently completed Southern Baptist Convention Building.

►**C. Emanuel Carlson**, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has presented the Baptist concern for separation of church and state during testimony before the **House Committee on Education and Labor**. The hearing was on proposed legislation for federal aid to education.

►Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, has announced to terms of regular class work for the coming summer. One of the visiting professors will be **Dr. T. B. Maston** of Southwestern Seminary. Maston will give a series of special addresses at Midwestern on the evening of July 16, 18 and 19. Further information

is available from the registrar's office of the seminary.

►The First Baptist Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina, an English language congregation, has changed its name to **International Baptist Church**.

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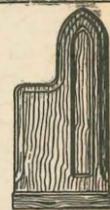
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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Woman's Missionary Union

Program Personnel WMU State Meeting, First, Lexington, April 2-4

By Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson

Mr. James D. Woodward, son of the president of Kentucky WMU, will direct the music for the annual meeting of Kentucky WMU to be held at First Baptist Church, Lexington, April 2-4.



J. D. Woodward

Mr. Woodward is well known in Kentucky and in the Southern Baptist Convention as a musician of high quality and a dedicated Christian. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary. He is well-known for his work with BSU choirs, as well as other musical organizations in Kentucky, Georgia and Oklahoma.

Since 1959 he has been minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, having served previously at Grace Church, Lexington, Parkland Church, Louisville, and Vineville Church in Macon, Georgia, as well as an instructor at Mercer University. He has traveled in Alaska, England and Scotland in connection with his work as a musician and also appeared on Southern Baptist Convention programs.

The closing message of the State Meeting will be brought by Mr. Glendon McCullough, secretary, Personnel Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. He works with mission volunteers, missionaries on the field and in missionary recruitment.



G. McCullough

Mr. McCullough is a very forceful speaker with a background of much missionary experience. He served ten years as Royal Ambassador secretary in Georgia, and for a brief

time in Kentucky during his study at the Seminary here. He has also served as a pastor, as dean of men at Baylor University and as a professor at Seinan University, Fuquoka, Japan.

He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary.

Training Union

Eight Regional Training Union Conventions

By James Whaley, Sr.

PROGRAM

(Local time used)

Afternoon Session

- 4:15 Registration
- 4:30 Devotional Period and Welcome
- 4:45 Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill
- 5:15 Young People's Speakers' Tournament (19 and above)
- 5:45 Adjourn for Meal (Bring a sack lunch; the host church will provide the drink.)

Evening Session

- 6:45 Song Service
- 6:50 Intermediate Sword Drill
- 7:15 Conferences
- 8:30 Young People's Speakers' Tournament (17 and 18 year) Announcement of Winners
- 9:00 Adjourn

PARTICIPANTS' MEETINGS

Those taking part in the 19-and-above division of the Speakers' Tournament and the Junior Memory Work and Bible Drill should be in the church auditorium by 4:10. The Intermediate Sword Drillers should be in the auditorium by 6:15. Those participating in the 17-and-18-year division of the Speakers' Tournament should attend the Young People's Conference beginning at 7:15.

DATES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS

March	Region	Baptist Church
25	North Central	First, Dryridge
25	South Central	First, Liberty
26	Northeastern	Sandy Hook, Sandy Hook
26	Southeastern	First, Barbourville
28	Southwestern	First, Princeton
28	Western	First, Sebree
29	Southern	First, Cave City
29	Central	Stithton, Radcliff

Stewardship

New Helps For Small Churches

By Robert J. Hastings

Ad on opposite page shows a manual describing new stewardship methods of smaller churches. The title is "Growth in Christian Stewardship," and it gives a simplified procedure for budget promotion in smaller churches. Hundreds of Kentucky churches will want to use this program in 1963.

To study the program in detail, order a copy of the booklet. The cost is only fifty cents each. Write to SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn. Ask for the "Growth in Christian Stewardship" manual.

More and more of our smaller churches are waking to their stewardship potential. An example is the Pilot Knob Baptist Church near Big Hill, Kentucky, where Dennis W. Lewis is pastor. Brother Lewis writes, "Thank you for the free envelopes, which we started using the first Sunday in February. Before, our offerings had been about \$70.00 per week. But for the three Sundays we have been using boxed envelopes, our offerings have been \$119, \$120, and \$161 weekly."

For more information on any of your stewardship problems, write the Stewardship Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Mary Ann Logan Mission Fund Growing

By A. M. Vollmer, Exec. Sec'y.-Treas.

On several occasions mention has been made, in this column, of the *Mary Ann Logan Mission Fund* which is being administered by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. This fund was created by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Logan, in September 1958, with an original gift of \$16,000.00 in memory of their daughter, Mary Ann, who was a medical student in the University of Louisville, preparing herself for service on the Foreign Field. Her plans were thwarted by her accidental death on an elevator at the General Hospital in Louisville. From time to time since the fund was created, Mr. and Mrs. Logan and their friends have

added to the fund until now it totals \$25,753.49.

On March 1 the Foundation received a check for \$1,000.00 from the Logans which will also be added to the fund. They have shown an undying interest and determination in causing the fund to grow, thereby accelerating its benefits to worthy young people preparing themselves for medical service on the Foreign Field.

In 1962 the fund produced an income of \$1,212.00 which was made available to students in this category.

Periodically the Foundation makes a report to the Logans, keeping them informed, relative to the administration of the fund. Until now the Foundation's stewardship has been most acceptable to them. It has shown a yield of 4.5% with a market value of its assets of \$3,264.00 greater than the book value.

"And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitation."—Luke 16:9.

Sunday School

Interest in World Missions Year Indicated at the State V.B.S. Clinic

By Roy E. Boatwright

The 1963 State Vacation Bible School Clinic which was held with the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown,



R. E. Boatwright

Kentucky, indicated a great interest in Baptist World Mission Year. The enthusiasm and interest shown on the part of team leaders and faculties from every section of Kentucky justifies an anticipation of the greatest Vacation Bible School year in our churches that Kentucky has ever known.

The records of last year indicated some outstanding gains. We were able to report a gain of 2,599 more enrolled in Vacation Bible School in 1962 than in 1961. Fifty-six more churches reported their schools than in 1961. The Mission Vacation Bible School offering for 1962 was \$2,605 more than in 1961. Mission offerings through the Cooperative Program showed a gain of \$3,339.

All of this indicates an increased enthusiasm and interest on the part of Vacation Bible School workers throughout Kentucky.

In 1962 there were 73 associational Vacation Bible School Clinics. We anticipate a gain of five associations for 1963. Plans are now being formulated

throughout the state for Associational Vacation Bible School Clinics which will provide better trained workers in the churches and will enable these trained workers to minister to more boys and girls.

Student Union

Another Statement of a Foreign Mission Appointee

By J. Chester Durham

Still another statement made by a foreign mission appointee which touches on the effectiveness of the Baptist Student Union work on the college and university campuses is that offered by Arthur James Powell, as follows:

Arthur James Powell—Appointed October 9, 1962, for service in Lebanon:

"When I was graduated from Frost-proof High School I was happy to be the salutatorian of the class and the recipient of the science award. In the

fall I entered Mars Hill College in North Carolina. I selected this school because it seemed to fit what I thought I needed—a small, Baptist school where there was a distinctly Christian atmosphere. This I found, and it proved very helpful to me. While I was there I was elected to the B.S.U. Council, was a member of the college debate team, and received the award for oratory in inter-literary society competition. In the fall of 1952 I entered Stetson University in Florida. Once again I served on the B.S.U. Council and became a member of the Stetson Revival Team for the summer of 1953. There I majored in English literature and won a Shakespearean essay award. The most important thing that occurred during my stay at Stetson, however, was that I met Harriett Stones, who became my wife when we were graduated in June, 1954."

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Oklahoman Leads Primaries Leadership Conference At Covington Clinic

Church workers who lead music in Primary Departments and choirs will enjoy getting acquainted with James Brown. Mr. Brown is Minister of Music of the First Baptist Church of Midwest City, a suburb of Oklahoma City. His Music Ministry has over 300 enrolled in his church choir program.



James Brown

James Brown's conferences are entitled "Let's Talk About Primaries", "Let's Talk About Primary Choir", and again, "Let's Talk About Primary Choir".

Mr. Brown's first two conferences will help those who do not work with Primary choirs but with music in the Primary departments, while the latter two conferences will give a special interest to leaders and workers with Primary Choirs. The clinic will be at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., March 28-29.

SUGGESTED MOTELS FOR REGIONAL CHURCH MUSIC CLINIC, COVINGTON

The following are some motels suggested for the Regional Church Music Clinic to be held in Covington, March 28-29:

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Kenton Manor 3044 Dixie Highway (7 miles)	6.50	8.50
Lamplighter Motor Inn 1939 Dixie Highway Covington	7.00 8.00	10.00 13.00

Brotherhood

Another Approach to Brotherhood Training

By Forrest R. Sawyer

In some recent meetings a little different approach to training has been engaged in by the personnel of the State Brotherhood Department. Royal Ambassador counselors, leaders, committeemen, pastors, Brotherhood presidents, ministers of education, etc., all feel the

need for a little more extensive study than can normally be afforded. As a result of this, an approach such as is outlined by Bill R. Tichenor, the Royal Ambassador leader of the Warren County Associational Brotherhood is suggested:

Monday—Meeting for "everybody" (pastors, Brotherhood presidents, Royal Ambassador committee members, Royal Ambassador leaders, Royal Ambassador counselors, ministers of education.

Tuesday—Meeting for Crusader counselors.

Thursday—Meeting for Pioneer counselors.

Friday—Meeting for Ambassador counselors.

Of course, all nights are open for any who might want to pick up additional information. Royal Ambassador leaders and committee members will want to attend as many nights as possible.

"The suggestion is made that men might want to purchase the *Workbook for Mastering the ??? Counselors Guide*. (This would apply to the *Brotherhood Guidebook*, the *Crusader, Pioneer, or Ambassador Counselors Guide*) and study the *Guidebook* and work the *Workbook* in advance of the meeting."

The Warren County meeting was held February 18, 19, 21 and 22.

A similar meeting has just been concluded in Green Valley Association. In Pike County, a variation of the aforementioned procedure was held, and in Greenup Association, with Mr. Allen and me both working in it, we were able to condense the effort into two nights with day appointments being scheduled because of the tremendous amount of shift work which goes on in the Ashland area.

In each of the instances thus far, this approach seems to be meeting a need in that it gives the men knowledge of that which they are endeavoring to do for their boys through Royal Ambassadors, and it also provides them with the sources of materials that are available and gives them the courage and the confidence to work toward making Royal Ambassadors available for every boy in the church, as well as every boy influenced by the church, instead of confining the efforts to about a half-dozen or twelve, as is the case in so many instances.

Christian Education

Are Baptists Meeting Their Man-Power Needs

By Doak K. Campbell

Some people seem to take it for granted that there is and will continue to be an ample supply of able and ef-

fective Christian ministers, teachers and other trained workers. It is even assumed in some quarters that there is an over-supply of qualified Christian leaders.

Let us look at some pertinent and disturbing facts:

1. The supply of educated ministers seems to be on the decline. Enrollments in our Baptist seminaries are declining in relation to Baptist population and needs.

2. The number of ministerial students enrolled in our Baptist colleges is declining in relation to total enrollments and in relation to the number of churches.

3. The supply of qualified scholars for teaching in higher institutions throughout the nation is already critically short in relation to our present needs. The graduate schools are not turning out scholars in sufficient numbers to supply the demand.

4. The supply of qualified scholars who are also dedicated Christians and are willing to accept teaching positions in our Baptist colleges is far below immediate and pressing needs.

If Kentucky Baptists are realistic they must ask themselves: *Who is going to provide college education for the young people who represent our source of supply for Baptist man-power needs?*

The answer is fairly simple. As has ever been the case, our principal source for supplying Christian leaders is found in our Baptist schools and colleges. These institutions must be so supported that they can move forward with strength and with deliberate speed.

Let everyone take a good look at our program of Christian Education and the intimate relationship between our source of supply of educated leadership to the effectiveness of Baptists in meeting their obligations to a needy world.

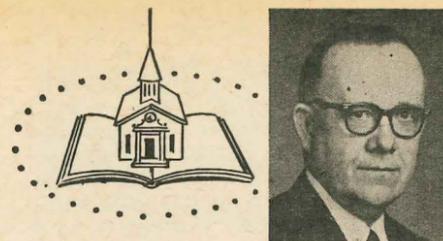


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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

March 24, 1963

Opposition to Christ often produces strange alliances. At the time of the incident mentioned in this lesson, the Pharisees were bitterly opposed to the Roman rule over them, while the Herodians were highly in favor of it. The former hated Christ with satanic animosity. Although the two groups were at great variance with each other, these crafty and cruel enemies of Christ met, exchanged ideas, formed an alliance in opposition to Christ and concocted a clever scheme to allure Him into self-incrimination, and thus allow them to condemn Him. Frequently bitter enemies become friends in a common crime. In fact, about the only thing on which Satan's followers will unite is their efforts against Christ and His cause.

I. The Scheme. Mark 12:13.

On the occasion of this lesson, Christ's enemies were again busy at the nefarious task of trying to entrap Him in His speech, and thereby arouse disfavor toward Him on the part of the Roman authorities. With hypocrisy in their hearts, they approached Christ and complimented Him with flattering words. They pronounced Him true, fearless and impartial. Had they been sincere, and had they believed what they said about Christ, they would not have attempted to ensnare Him in His speech. After all, they should have realized that to accomplish their undertaking was an absolute impossibility.

These unscrupulous enemies were not interested in ascertaining the truth. They were seeking some admission from Christ which they could twist into a charge against Him. They merely wanted to prove that He was disloyal to His people because He advocated the payment of tribute to Caesar, or that He was a traitor to Caesar because He recommended rebellion against taxation.

II. The Subtlety. Mark 12:14-15.

Starting with words of smoothest flattery, those hypocrites asked Christ an exceedingly delicate and subtle question, the intent of which was to ensnare Him. These critics asked Him, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" In other words, "Is it right to pay taxes to the Roman government?" These wicked pretenders posed as learners, but in reality their minds were already closed. They were simply searching for a wea-

pon to use against Christ. They did not care how He answered their question, so long as it would result in His own downfall and destruction. These cunning and hypocritical enemies were anxious to have word from Christ whereby they might accuse Him to the Romans.

III. The Surprise. Mark 12:16-17.

As always, our Lord was equal to the occasion. Perceiving their craftiness, and being unwilling to fall into their trap, and as proof that He saw through their trickery and duplicity, Christ told them to show Him a denarius, which was one of the coins which they used in their ordinary business transactions. He asked them to tell Him whose image and superscription appeared thereon. Of course, they had to reply, "Caesar's." By receiving it and using it as the current coin of their country, and by acknowledging that it was Caesar's, they thereby admitted their subjection to Caesar's government and their consequent obligation to pay the tribute which was demanded of them.

Then Christ gave His classic statement in which He clearly enunciated the fundamental principle of duty to government and to God. He said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Since they profited by the privileges and the protection which the Roman government gave them, they were obligated to obey the laws of the state and to pay taxes for the support of the government under which they lived.

Christ's statement surprised and shocked His questioners. He laid down the rule that it is the duty of all people to acknowledge their obligations to human governments and to God. Just as the coin bore the image of Caesar and was to be rendered unto him, so they bore the image of God and therefore were under obligation to yield their lives unto Him, which very thing they were refusing to do. Failure to perform one's obligation to human government is wrong, but denial of God's ownership and failure to perform one's obligation to Him is a far greater sin.

IV. The Scribe. Mark 12:28-34.

A learned and observant scribe boldly asked Christ the primary question for every person, "Which is the first com-

mandment of all?" In other words, "What is the first commandment in importance of spiritual value?" "What is my first duty?" It is easy to understand this inquiry when we remember that the scribe delighted to dispute about which of the 613 commandments recognized by them was the greatest. Of these precepts 248 were positive commands and 365 were prohibitions. Naturally some of them were more important than others, therefore, the most important should have preference.

Christ promptly quoted Deuteronomy 6:4-5. These same truths need emphasis today because multitudes regard the worship and service of God as optional. They think that if they are not interested in religious matters, it is strictly their own affair, and, if they do not care to recognize, love and obey God, it is quite all right. No matter how honest or industrious or successful a person may be, if he does not love God supremely, he is certainly disobedient to this divine command.

Our obligation to God is based upon the fact that He is our Creator, our Preserver and our Redeemer. Verses 29 and 30 state, "The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." "With all thy heart" means without divided affection. "With all thy soul" means with the entire personality—intellect, feeling and will. "With all thy mind" means an intelligent love rather than a fanatical devotion. "With all thy strength" means with every energy which one possesses.

After summarizing the law which has to do with man's duty to God, Christ epitomized that part of the law which indicates man's duty to man by saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Any person who really loves God will love his neighbor.

Assenting to what He taught, the scribe admitted that there could not be any higher commandment. Appreciatively Christ told him that he was not far from the kingdom of God. But note that he was still outside the kingdom. To be almost saved is to be altogether lost. If you are only near the kingdom, you are in the place of wonderful privilege, as well as great peril. Enter the kingdom through repentance toward God and faith in Christ.



The Southern Baptist Press Association has elected new officers: President is Reuben E. Alley (standing left), editor, Religious Herald, Richmond. James F. Cole of Alexandria, La., standing beside Alley, is vice-president. Cole edits the Baptist Message. Getting used to his role as secretary is Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., editor of the Maryland Baptist, Baltimore. The association includes 28 state papers and several other Southern Baptist Convention periodicals. (BP) Photo

Peacock Says He Quits Over Elliott Dismissal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Heber F. Peacock, chairman of the New Testament Department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has resigned.

He said it was due to "a situation which does not offer an opportunity to speak the truth."

His criticism of trustee action in the firing of Professor Ralph H. Elliott from the same faculty brought a reply from Seminary President Millard J. Berquist.

Berquist said, "We propose to continue to build a learning fellowship that shall seek to fulfill its responsibility to the truth which is in Christ and to the denomination of which we are a part."

Peacock said he resigned because of the controversy over Elliott's dismissal. Elliott, who was professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, wrote a book, "The Message of Genesis." It created a furore

around the Southern Baptist Convention, which operates Midwestern Seminary.

Peacock termed Elliott's firing by the trustees "an intolerable act."

He said he will leave the faculty July 31, when school ends.

Saying he would not stay on at a seminary where the trustees exercise censorship, he called attention to the trustee request that Elliott not authorize a second printing of the book on Genesis.

Peacock said he decided to quit after observing the "terrible unrest" which continues among students and faculty on campus. He came to Midwestern two years ago from the faculty of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex. He also taught once at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Berquist said he knew Peacock felt strongly about the Elliott firing.

He said, however, that Peacock had talked about an offer to work with the American Bible Society in Africa.

Peacock did not mention this future work in his statement.

Berquist also said, "The Board of

Trustees has very clearly indicated its acknowledgment of the validity of the historical-critical approach to the Scriptures.

"There is no intention to circumscribe our faculty in its use of this approach followed rather generally in our seminaries today. Our emphasis upon a progressive-conservative theological position has not been altered."

F. P. Lide Returning for Furlough

Dr. Francis P. Lide, remembered in Kentucky when he came to Louisville for study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary back in 1926-28, and later, long a missionary in China, is about to come to the States from his labors in the Philippines for a furlough. At this writing he expects to arrive on our shores March 8. For the present he will be at 225 South Avenue, Wake Forest, N. C.



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2. _____				
3. _____				

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Mt. Washington, First	371	--	83
Mission	75	--	34
Lebanon, First	366	--	105
Lawrenceburg, First	358	--	39
Mission	69	--	--
Louisville, Shawnee	357	--	89
Greenville, First	356	--	114
Hima, Horse Creek	346	--	--
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	339	--	87
Ashland, Pollard	334	--	106
Mission	61	--	--
Harlan	332	--	89
Missions (2)	73	--	--
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	331	--	110
Louisville, Chapel Park	329	--	111
Louisville, Ridgewood	323	3	100
Radcliff, Stithton	420	1	96
Campbellsville, South	316	3	123
Bardstown	314	--	51
Shepherdsville, Little Flock	311	--	83
Louisville, West Broadway	319	2	96
Barbourville, First	307	--	98
Mission	65	--	--
Louisville, Fern Creek	305	2	91
Hazard, First	305	1	75
Mission	62	--	--
Louisville, Valley View	296	--	87
Falmouth	291	--	36
Mission	29	--	--
Lexington, South Elkhorn	286	2	144
Henderson, Audubon	287	3	70
Mission	61	--	--
Glendale, Gilead	285	--	188
Owensboro, Lewis Lane	277	--	107
Hopkinsville, Edgewood	260	2	74
Cold Spring, First	258	--	105
Marion	253	--	60
Dry Ridge	250	--	62
Mission	47	--	--
Owensboro, Yellow Creek	250	--	49
Lexington, North View	249	3	98
Covington, Oak Ridge	241	2	65
Frankfort, Crestwood	240	--	52
Frankfort, Memorial	236	--	77
Taylorsville, Kings	232	--	141
Hazel	228	--	--
Stanford	224	1	95
Mission	26	--	--
Madisonville, Second	215	--	88
Taylorsville, First	208	--	81
Owensboro, Seven Hills	197	--	52
Shelbyville, Highland	193	1	76
Louisville, 4th Ave.	191	--	55
Florence, Greenview	164	--	40
Cave City	155	--	57
Gilbertsville, Bethel Miss.	130	--	50
Ft. Thomas, Highland Hills	110	--	62
Mission	17	--	--
Albany, Stony Point	109	--	49
Owensboro, West Side	86	--	56

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	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut Street	1274	3	305
Missions (3)	287	--	117
Louisville, 9th and O	1162	19	528
Madisonville, First	1057	2	211
Mission	14	--	--
Covington, Calvary	969	--	--
Louisville, Crescent Hill	966	8	169
Mission	177	--	52
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	933	--	183
Missions (2)	87	--	32
Louisville, Carlisle Ave.	897	2	246
Missions (2)	103	--	45
Mayfield, First	879	--	225
Mission	80	--	--
Owensboro, Third	873	--	267
Mission	90	--	73
Owensboro, First	869	2	148
Hopkinsville, Second	855	--	176
Harrodsburg	820	--	180
Mission	46	--	32
Murray, First	802	--	113
Mission	38	--	--
Lexington, Calvary	742	3	209
Mission	52	--	--
Louisville, Beechmont	706	2	138
Missions (2)	284	--	98
Bowling Green, First	688	--	150
Mission	58	--	--
Lexington, Grace	688	--	111
Mission	10	--	--
Louisville, Bethlehem	668	2	215
Glasgow	655	--	145
Mission	25	--	--
Paducah, Immanuel	653	1	191
Erlanger	648	3	139
Newport, First	648	3	133
Louisville, Buechel Park	640	--	210
Mission	110	--	--
Louisville, Beth Haven	634	1	249
Louisville, Valley Station	594	10	137
Louisville, Beechland	586	--	124
Louisville, Green Acres	584	2	221
Somerset, First	579	--	177
Missions (2)	135	--	35

Campbellsville	576	--	185
Missions (3)	97	--	71
Louisville, Victory Memorial	540	--	144
Florence	517	--	120
Shelbyville, First	501	--	130
Ashland, First	501	--	121
Missions (2)	164	--	46
Henderson, Immanuel	482	--	111
Mission	127	--	--
Owensboro, Hall Street	479	--	173
Louisville, Southside	479	5	83
Frankfort, First	478	1	82
Mission	75	--	41
Jeffersonton, First	476	--	89
Louisville, Rockford Lane	471	--	112
Louisville, Hazelwood	458	2	100
Paducah, First	457	1	124
Louisville, Bethany	455	1	110
Georgetown	454	--	120
Mission	31	--	9
Middlesboro, First	453	1	79
Ludlow, First	442	2	113
Ashland, Unity	435	1	128
Louisville, Fairdale	435	--	138
Corbin, Central	426	1	110
Covington, South Side	417	--	52
Walton, First	417	--	178
Winchester, Central	412	--	114
Nicholasville	409	--	87
Russellville, First	406	--	126
Mission	32	--	--
Versailles	401	--	102
Danville, Gethsemane	400	2	194
Hodgenville, First	400	--	133
Louisville, Ralph Avenue	396	2	138
Mission	45	--	--
Franklin, First	393	--	114
Missions (2)	85	--	27
Bellevue, First	390	--	73
Central City, First	388	2	161
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	385	--	141
Louisville, Clifton	383	1	93
Mission	90	--	39
Louisville, Immanuel	383	--	78
Corbin, First	380	--	--
Lancaster	377	--	51
Bowling Green, Glendale	374	8	185
Mission	52	--	31

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